

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/290,027

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 3/31/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,8-10,12,13,15 and 17-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on March 31, 2005. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, and 17-24 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

4. The prior art of record (Henson et al. US Pat. No. 6,167,383) teaches a web-based online store includes a configurator, a cart, a checkout, and a database, further in which a user interface of the online store enables a custom configuration of a computer system according to an identification of a user belonging to a prescribed customer set. The configurator is provided for configuring a computer system with options selected according to a prescribed user input, the options and a respective pricing for each option being presented on a configurator web page in accordance with the identification of the user belonging to a prescribed customer set.

Even though, the prior art of record teaches a web-based online store for performing the above mentioned steps, the prior art of record fails to teach a web-based online store having a user interface for enabling a custom configuration of a computer system according to an identification of a user belonging to a prescribed customer set, said online store comprising an interactive up-sell advisor operatively coupled to the configurator, the database, and the cart for selectively providing an up-sell

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recommendation to the cart as an upgrade now user selectable cart option on the cart web page, the up-sell recommendation being selectively provided as a function of the prescribed customer set, the customer configured computer system, and prescribed up-sell advisor business rules, wherein the database dynamically supplies the prescribed up-sell business rules to the up-sell advisor, wherein the business rules including whether the store allows the up-sell advisor, whether there are any up-sell recommendations for a given brand of a last configurable item in the cart, whether a last up-sell recommendation in a prescribed sequence has been presented, whether a given up-sell recommendation match exists in the last configurable item in the cart, whether the up-sell recommendation for an item is valid, and if valid, a differential price is calculated. For these reasons claims 1 and 10 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, and 17-24 are allowed by dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

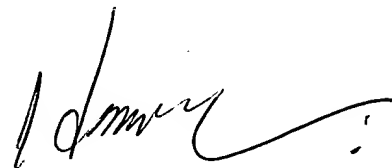
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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